(b) the reasons for shortage of drinking water in several major cities despite of all the water supply schemes togetherwith the action being taken by Government to meet the shortage soon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Urban water supply is a State subject. As such, no such data is compiled in this Ministry. However, as per information provided by U.P. Jal Nigam, 37 towns are facing shortage of water and 5 towns are facing acute shortage. The names of these towns are at Annexure I & II, respectively.

(b) The U.P. Jal Nigam has reported reasons for shortage as lack of storage capacity, lack of distribution system due to expansion of cities and shortage of funds. The State Government has launched the following augmentation schemes to provide sufficient quantity of water in major cities:

- Lucknow re-organisation water supply scheme
- Construction of Ganga barrage at Kanpur
- Augmentation of Water Supply to Agra town
- Augmentation to Water Supply to Mathura & Vrindaban

In order to supplement the efforts of the State Governments for providing water supply facilities to the towns having population less than 20,000 (as per 1991 census), a Centrally sponsored Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme (AUWSP) was launched during 1993-94 in order to provide Central assistance to the State Governments on 50:50 matching basis between Centre and State. Under AUWSP, since its inception, water supply schemes for 231 towns have been approved and an amount of Rs. 100.22 crores has been released to Uttar Pradesh as Central share.

Development of Guwahati City

607. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is considering to develop Guwahati, the only city of North-Eastern Region, by improving its roads and drains;

(b) if so, the details of the plan; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (c) 10% of the Annual Plan Budget of this Ministry is earmarked for implementation of Projects/Schemes for the development of North-Eastern States including Sikkim. During 2002-03, 12 new schemes involving Rs. 116.45 crores have already been sanctioned for North Eastern Region including Sikkim, out of which Rs. 4895.13 lakhs have been sanctioned for the development of roads and drainage in Guwahati by sanctioning Rs. 2426.54 lakhs for Integrated Development of Guwahati Municipal Corporation Roads/Bye lanes and Rs. 2468.59 lakhs for Storm Water Disposal Scheme for Noonmati Area of Guwahati City.

In addition HUDCO has sanctioned three road schemes for Guwahati with a project cost of Rs. 4982.16 lakhs and loan amount of Rs. 3281.00 lakhs. HUDCO has also sanctioned one drainage improvement scheme for Guwahati with a project cost of Rs. 10546.15 lakhs and loan amount of Rs. 6706.00 lakhs.

Integrated residential township with foreign participation

608. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved the project for setting up an integrated residential township with foreign participation;

(b) the place where this township will be set up; and

(c) the names of the foreign participants and the contribution of each of them alongwith details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Gurgaon, Haryana.